

Character information for

THE NEXT BIG STEP

69 characters in order of appearance, if every scene is performed.

NOTE - you may not want to perform this musical in its entirety – it has been written to allow you to choose as many or as few scenes and songs as you want, without the storyline being affected.

If you have a smaller cast, because most characters only appear in one scene, multiple parts can be played by a single child. Alternatively, for extra-large cast numbers, many speaking parts have enough lines to be divided between any extra characters you want to create.

Character	Number of spoken lines	Costume Suggestions
Scene 1 & continuity		
Chloe	17	Primary school uniform
Isobel	18	Primary school uniform
George	14	Primary school uniform
Harry	16	Oversized secondary school uniform (including blazer and tie) obviously too big
Scene 2		
Teacher	10	Smartly dressed – shirt & tie if male, skirt & top/blouse if female
Child 1	1	PE kit – shorts and white t-shirt
Child 2	1	As child 1
Child 3	1	As child 1
Child 4	2	As child 1
Child 5	1	As child 1
Child 6	2	As child 1
Scene 3		
Terry	8	Primary school uniform, plus fruit/milk monitor's badge
Trish	7	As Terry
Andy	5	Primary school uniform
Stacey	3	Netball kit with, if possible, 'Brennan's Used Cars' sponsorship lettering on back of bib or t-shirt
Cassie	3	As Stacey
Gary	4	Primary school uniform
Sally	6	Primary school uniform
Twin 1	4	Primary school uniform plus hoodie
Twin 2	4	As Twin 1
Dirty Dan	3	Filthy football kit
Scene 4		

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Head Teacher	10	Smart suit
Policeman 1	3	Black trousers, short-sleeved shirt with epaulettes, padded out to look macho & a policeman's helmet
Policeman 2	4	As Policeman 1
Fireman 1	5	As Policeman 1 but with fireman's helmet
Fireman 2	3	As Fireman 1
Infant 1	4	Primary school uniform
Infant 2	4	Primary school uniform
All infants	3	Primary school uniform
Scene 5		
Mum 1	8	Team football shirt under open coat, team scarf and bobble hat in same team colours as shirt
Mum 2	8	As Mum 1
Mum 3	7	As Mum 1 but different team colours
Mum 4	8	As Mum 3
Dad 1	9	As Mum 1
Dad 2	9	As Mum 1
Dad 3	9	As Mum 3
Dad 4	10	As Mum 3
Referee	1	Black shorts, socks and t-shirt
Scene 6		
Child 1	2	Primary school uniform
Child 2	2	As Child 1
Child 3	2	As Child 1
Child 4	3	As Child 1
Child 5	2	As Child 1
Child 6	2	As Child 1
Teacher 1	6	Smart clothes
Teacher 2	6	As teacher 1 plus coat
Head Teacher	2	Smart suit
Scene 7		
Foundation Boy	Action only	Primary school uniform, shorts
Foundation Girl	Action only	Primary school uniform

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Year 2 Boy 1	1	Primary school uniform with shorts
Year 2 Boy 2	1	As Year 2 Boy 1
Year 2 Girl 1	Action only	Primary school uniform with coat
Year 2 Girl 2	Action only	Primary school uniform with coat
Year 2 Teacher	2	Smart clothes with coat
Year 4 Boy 1	1	Primary school uniform
Year 4 Boy 2	1	As Year 4 Boy 1
Year 4 Girl 1	2	Primary school uniform
Year 4 Girl 2	1	As Year 4 Girl 1
Year 6 Boy	3	Primary school uniform
Year 6 Girl	2	Primary school uniform
Scene 8		
Parent 1	11	Parents to wear either casual adult clothes or clothes for work
Parent 2	8	See Parent 1
Parent 3	8	See Parent 1
Parent 4	8	See Parent 1
Child 1	2	Primary school uniform, plus sling and bandages
Child 2	3	As Child 1
Child 3	2	As Child 1
Child 4	3	As Child 1
Head Teacher	3	Smart suit